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**Communication**

Sir:

This Communication accompanies a copy of a Reply that was originally filed on July 23, 2003 (Exhibit A). The Examiner of record contacted Applicant on September 22, 2003, and advised Applicant no response to the Office Action of March 25, 2003 (Paper No. 13) had been received. Notwithstanding, Applicant respectfully submits that a Reply responsive to Paper No. 13 was deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on July 23, 2003. It is noted that the Reply was received by the Office on July 28, 2003 as evidenced by the date stamped, acknowledgment postcard, a copy of which is submitted herewith (Exhibit B).

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

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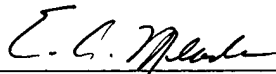
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